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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content comprising:
accepting encrypted first fidelity digital content by a player application module in the player device;
securely decrypting the encrypted first fidelity digital content by the player application module into decrypted first fidelity digital content;
securely and audibly rendering, by the player application module, the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user;
securely downsampling, by the player application module, the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity; and
displaying images by a visual enhancement plug-in software module based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity in conjunction with the audible rendering of the decrypted first fidelity digital content by the player application module.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising decompressing the decrypted first fidelity digital content prior to downsampling.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising protecting the decrypting, rendering, and downsampling actions by using tamper resistance techniques to deter unauthorized access to the decrypted first fidelity digital content.

5. - 7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium having machine readable instructions stored thereon, the instructions, when executed by a processor, provide for secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content by accepting encrypted first fidelity digital content by a player application module in the player device, securely decrypting the encrypted first fidelity digital content by the player application module into decrypted first fidelity digital content, securely and audibly rendering, by the player application module, the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user, securely downsampling, by the player application module, the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity, and displaying images by a visual enhancement plug-in software module based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity in conjunction with the audible rendering of the decrypted first fidelity digital content by the player application module.

9. (Previously presented) The article of claim 8, further comprising instructions for decompressing the decrypted first fidelity digital content prior to downsampling.

10. – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A processing system providing secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content, comprising:

a player application module including

a tamper resistant decryption agent to securely accept encrypted first fidelity digital content, to securely decrypt the encrypted first fidelity digital content into decrypted first fidelity digital content; and to securely downsample the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital audio content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity; and

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a tamper-resistant renderer coupled to the decryption agent to securely audibly render the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user; and

an visual enhancement plug-in software module coupled to the decryption agent to receive the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity, and to cause the display of images based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity in conjunction with the audible rendering of the decrypted first fidelity digital content.

16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, further comprising a tamper resistant decompressor module to decompress the decrypted first fidelity digital content prior to downsampling.

17. - 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the player device application module is provided by a first entity software provider to the user and the visual enhancement plug-in software module ~~comprises a plug-in software module is~~ provided by a second entity software provider to the user, the first software provider being different than the second software provider.

31. (Currently amended) The processing system of claim 15, wherein the ~~decryption agent and renderer~~ player application module ~~is are~~ provided by a first entity software provider to the user and the visual enhancement plug-in software module ~~comprises a plug-in software module is~~ provided by a second entity software provider to the user, the first software provider being different than the second software provider.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content comprises digital audio data.

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33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content comprises digital audio and video data.